'Anti-British' Text Lashed

U.S. Book in B.C. Schools 'Foolish, Misleading, Garbled'

PENTICTON (CP)—"Enclosures acts helped to make England a nation of tea drinkers. Lacking their own cows for milk, the dispossessed farmers found it cheaper to buy tea."

The quotation is from a Grade 10 history textbook used in B.C. schools. It was read here to Dean S. F. N. Chant of UBC, chairman of a royal commission investigating aspects of education in the province.

A. K. McLeod, presenting a brief on behalf of the Parent-Teacher Association at nearby Summerland, read from the textbook Wednesday to illustrate the dangers of using predominantly United States text books in B.C. schools.

MacARTHUR IN JAPAN

He said the book — "Our World: Renaissance to Modern Times" — also contains a picture of General Douglas MacArthur teaching "enthusiastic young Japan to play baseball." But it doesn't mention one Canadian prime minister.

He called "Our World" anti-British, foolish, misleading, "an incoherent and multifarious jumble of facts, fragmentary, garbled and out of perspective."

CHANT INCREDULOUS

Dean Chant was incredulous as he heard the book's explanation of England's tea drinking.

"Can anyone tell me," he asked, "if such a statement has any historical basis or validity?"

Other sections of "Our World" read at the Education hearing said:

LOVED GOOD TIME

1. "Charles II loved a good time. He was determined to die in bed. Englishmen were ripe for riotous living."

2. "In Great Britain a century ago, millions had to make a mark for a signature."

3. The Mexican and Spanish-American wars were waged in the cause of freedom, but "using trickery, bribery, force, empire builder (Cecil) Rhodes added to Britain's African territory."

Screen Villain Baby-Sits

It is difficult to picture Peter Lorre as anything but a monstrous villain of the movies, but at a New York airport, waiting to board a plane for Spain, he did this stint of baby-sitting. In Spain, he'll appear in Michael Todd Jr.'s first film, "Scent of Mystery," which is being filmed in the revolutionary Smell-o-Vision process.

Penticton Teachers Praised by Chant

PENTICTON (CP)—Tribute to the work of the Penticton District Association of Teachers was voiced Wednesday by the royal commission on education during its one-day sitting here.

A 75-page brief, which took six months to prepare, was lauded by chairman Dean S. N. F. Chant and R. P. Walrod.

'Night Clubs, Cocktail Bars'

University Fraternities Hit

TORONTO (CP) — University fraternities were described Wednesday night as "nothing but a combination of night clubs and cocktail bars."

The description was used by George Hogan at a meeting of ratepayers living just north of the midtown University of Toronto campus who want to ban fraternity houses from their area.

"How would you like to live next door to one and fear for the lives of your children from a rain of beer bottles?" Mrs. Alan Wood asked planning board officials who attended the meeting.

City planning commissioner Matthew Lawson conceded fraternity houses annoyed neighbors but said it was practically impossible to police them.

Yesterday fraternity members denied the charges. President Peter Dent of Nu Sigma Nu, a medical fraternity, said Mr. Hogan's remarks were "very exaggerated."

Treasurer Gary Goldthorpe of Phi Chi, another medical fraternity, said more noise came out of an apartment house next door.

In Medical Profession

Worry Mounts With Lawsuits

MONTREAL (UPI) — Doctors in the United States and Canada are worried about the mounting number of cases in which doctors are being sued by their patients.

Delegates to the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons volunteered several reasons for the increasing volume of medical lawsuits, ranging from a "welfare state" attitude to the operation of medical and hospital insurance plans.

UNABLE TO AGREE

But they were unable to agree on an over-all explanation.

Dr. James C. White of Boston said that people today tend to seek compensation for what they once would have accepted as "one of the misfortunes of life." He said this might be "part of the philosophy of the welfare state."

SITUATION WORSE

Dr. George O. Eaton of Baltimore and Dr. Leo F. Miller of Chicago said private hospital insurance in the United States and national health plans such as operate in Britain had brought about more lawsuits.

By Any Name But Burglary Tools Are His

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP)—After William Woodrum was found not guilty of a burglary charge, he went to the office of the prosecutor to pick up some tools used as evidence against him.

But Woodrum left the office without them. He refused to sign a receipt for the tools, listed on a receipt as "burglary tools." Possession of burglary tools is a felony.

Teachers' Viewpoint

Shortage Is in Quality

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Teachers' Federation says the most serious aspect of the province's teacher shortage is one of quality not quantity.

In a 220-page brief to the Chant royal commission on education made public Wednesday, the 10,800-member federation said:

"The results of poor teaching practices are, unfortunately, not so readily obvious to the general public as are those of poor medical practice, for example. But from a sociological point of view, in the long run poor teaching practices may be the more disastrous."

An 18-man committee headed by J. E. Clagus, principal of Trafalgar elementary school here, proposed 100 recommendations to help solve the problems of quality and quantity. They were the result of a six-month survey by the committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations included:

1. Expansion of the present gifted children's program and additional help for teachers of retarded children.

2. Establishment of experimental areas to test new ideas in education.

3. Elimination of present one-year teacher training emergency program and establishment of a minimum three-year program.

4. Expansion of the faculty of the college of education at the University of British Columbia.

5. A study into reasons why many trained teachers leave the profession.

The brief warned that an increasing number of services beyond the basic skills have been pressed upon teachers and a continuation of the practise would result in the loss of the hard core of the historic function of education.

A second danger of this trend was that the education system may extend its influence beyond the school and into aspects of living traditionally and properly served by the home, church and community.

In Brief to Probe

Rest of Province Out in Cold

Vancouver Students 'Monopolize' UBC

PENTICTON (CP) — Geography has given Vancouver students a near-monopoly on British Columbia's university facilities, the University of B.C. alumni in the Okanagan has complained in a brief to the Chant royal commission on education.

"It seems that when taxes and donations are needed we have a University of B.C., but when benefits and opportunities are offered it's the University of Vancouver," said consulting engineer H. R. Hatfield, a Penticton school trustee.

He said it costs twice as much for outside students to go to UBC as it does for coast residents.

"It's safe to say the seat-warmers and good-time boys who from time to time clutter up the institution nearly all come from Vancouver — nobody else can afford it."

Mr. Hatfield said the discrimination is known to UBC's governing personnel but since they live in or around Vancouver or Victoria, they never admit the situation.

Students from the rest of B.C. should in some way have the cost and opportunity of university education made equal with those of coast students, he suggested.

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